

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) An image editing device for trimming an image comprising:

a noticing area calculating section for calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;

a trimming rule designating section for designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

a trimming shape designating section for designating a shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

a template selecting section for selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

a noticing area error calculating section for calculating distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

an image processing section for enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

2. (Original) An image editing device according to Claim 1 further comprising a center aligning section for aligning a center of the noticing area and a center of the trimming scope or a center of the template.

3. (Original) An image editing device according to Claim 2 wherein;  
the center of the noticing area is a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the noticing area; and  
the center of the template is a crossing point of diagonal lines of a rectangle which surrounds the template.
4. (Currently Amended) An image editing device according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 3~~ Claim 1 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.
5. (Original) A method for trimming an image in an image editing device comprising the steps of:  
calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;  
designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;  
designating a shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;  
selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;  
calculating distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

6. (Original) A computer program in an image editing device which trims an image comprising the steps of:

calculating a noticing area of an image which is an object for a trimming operation;

designating a trimming method for trimming the noticing area of the image which is the object for the trimming operation;

designating a shape of a trimming scope when the designating operation of the trimming scope is selected by the trimming rule designating section;

selecting a template which is used for the trimming operation among a template group which is memorized in advance when a using operation for the template is designated by the trimming rule designating section;

calculating distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template; and

enlarging, contracting, and rotating the image, the trimming scope, and the template so as to adjust the distribution ratio of the noticing area in the trimming scope or the template according to the method which is designated by the trimming rule designating section.

7. (New) An image editing device according to Claim 2 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.

8. (New) An image editing device according to Claim 3 further comprising a noticing area threshold section which determines a threshold with reference to the noticing area having the highest noticing degree and determines the noticing area having the noticing degree which is higher than the threshold when the noticing area is calculated by the noticing area calculating section.